

Wildlife Division PO Box 200701 Helena MT 59620-0701 January 16, 2015

Dear Interested Person:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) is requesting public review and comment on two separate items, as follows. The deadline for comment has been extended to 5 p.m., Monday, January 26, 2015. Supporting information on these items can be found on our website at fwp.mt.gov/hunting/ under Opportunity for Public Comment.

TENDOY MOUNTAINS (HD 315) BIGHORN SHEEP PROPOSALS

1) Proposed Season Structure –

Reduce the limited draw either-sex license quota for Bighorn Sheep HD 315 from one to zero for the 2015 hunting season in preparation for a possible destocking effort for a struggling bighorn sheep population in the Tendoy Mountains, pending the Environmental Assessment (EA) process which would include plans to offer a depopulation hunt and/or remove sheep for research from HD 315.

2) Proposed HD 315 Boundary Change to read as follows -

That portion of Beaverhead County lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at the junction of Interstate 15 and Route 324 (at Clark Canyon Dam), then westerly along said route to its junction with the Medicine Lodge-Big Sheep County Road 257, then southerly along said route to its junction with the Deadman Road (No. 951), then southerly along said road to the Montana/Idaho state line at Bannack Pass, then easterly and northerly along said line to Interstate 15 at Monida Pass, then northerly along said interstate to its junction with Route 324 at Clark Canyon Dam, the point of beginning.

COMMENT PERIOD DEADLINE AND FINAL ADOPTION MEETINGS

The public comment period on above proposals will extend through 5 p.m., Monday, January 26th with final adoption at the February 12th commission meeting.

TO MAKE COMMENT

For further clarification, you may call the Wildlife Division office at 406-444-2612. To submit comments electronically, please visit our website's Hunting home page at fwp.mt.gov/hunting/ under "Opportunity for Public Comment" or by clicking the link below. Written comments can be sent to: FWP – Wildlife Division, Attn: Public Comment, POB 200701, Helena MT 59620-0701.

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